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Dr. Nassau here relates the story of sixteen years of his life as missionary and explorer in Equatorial West Africa. Dr. Nassau's record is forty-five years' residence in the Dark Continent, during which long years he has contributed regularly to both science and literature. "My Ogowe" is a close study of life, manners and customs among the natives of West Africa, and in some respects the most intimate picturing of the daily existence of those savages. Dr. Nassau has enriched various ethnological and other collections in the United States by his contributions of rare specimens of the fauna and flora of Africa, and he was the first to send to this country a perfect carcass of a gorilla. The present work is well illustrated.

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## "My Ogowe."

"MY OGOWE," being a narrative of daily incidents during 18 years in Equatorial West Africa, by Robert Hamill Nassau, M. D., S. T. D., author of "Fetichism in West Africa," "Where Animals Talk," etc. The Neale Publishing Co., New York. (\$3 net.)

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Dr. Nassau's experiences of West Africa are not limited to a hunting trip, for he has spent forty-five years there and is everywhere recognized as an authority. As pioneer and explorer he has contributed largely to both science and literature. His descriptions of the land in which he spent almost a lifetime will be found most interesting.



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### Stories of Exploitation.

**MY OGOWE.** By Robert Hamill Nassau, M. D., S. T. D. Cloth, 12mo., pp. 700. Illustrated. The Neale Publishing company, New York city. Net, \$3.

For 45 years a resident of Africa, pioneer and explorer, Dr. Nassau has contributed largely to both science and literature. While in Africa he sent large ethnological collections to the University of Pennsylvania and to Princeton, and was the first to send a carcass of a gorilla to the United States, and he supplied the only perfect gorilla brains to be examined by anatomists up to 1891. He is a member of various scientific bodies, including the Archeological society of the University of Pennsylvania, the National Geographical society, the Pennsylvania Society of Scientific Research. Among his published works are "Crowned in Palmland," "Mawedo," "Fetichism in West Africa," "The Path She Trod," "Where Animals Talk," and "In an Elephant Corral." One of his more important works is the translation of the Bible into the Benga language of West Equatorial Africa. But by far his greatest achievement in literature, and the culmination of his varied literary activities, is this volume, "My Ogowe," which the publishers hold to be the most important work of the sort yet published.

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IN EQUATORIAL AFRICA.  
"My Ogowe" is the title of a large book of his reminiscences of sixteen years of work in West Africa by Robert Hamill Nassau. The author made large ethnological collections for Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania and he was the first to send the carcass of a gorilla to this country. In this book he gives a mass of detail of his years of work and exploration on the Ogowe river, which empties into the ocean at Cape Lopez. He tells of his hunt for animals and plants and of his adventures with many native chiefs. The volume is richly illustrated from photographs. (New York: The Neale Publishing Company; price \$3 net). k, 1884



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**My Ogowe.** By Robert Hamill Nassau. New York: Neale Publishing Co. Cloth; illustrated; price, \$3.

The story of Dr. Nassau's life on the Ogowe river in Africa. While it deals very much with little details of his daily life it no doubt is a very excellent picture of the life he led and the people he lived among. He is a recognized authority on Africa and this book cannot fail to be of interest to those who wish to know Africa as it was and is. rk, 1884







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## TALE OF ADVENTUROUS TRIP

"My Ogowe," by Dr Robert Hamill  
Nassau, Story of African Mission.

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Dr Robert Hamill Nassau has added another volume to the small library he has already given to the world dealing with his 45 years' experience in Africa. In "My Ogowo" he recounts every detail of the adventurous trip he made up that river as a representative of the Presbyterian Mission on Coriseo Island on the West Coast. 884

His was the first attempt to approach the inland tribes on this part of the dark continent. The expedition started in September, 1874, and the result was the establishment of the Ogowe station. It was nearly 20 years later before Dr Nassau returned to this country on furlough with his work well under way. New York: Neale Publishing Company.





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Dr. Robert Hamill Nassau, who spent 45 years in Africa as a missionary, kept a diary which he has now published. It is valuable as a source for history and tells those intimate things that make the best history. The large volume is a record that could not be reproduced, giving as it does a record of the growth of a mission for so many years in connected form.

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## TRIALS OF A MISSIONARY

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My Ogowe—By Robert Hamill Nassau, M. D., S. T. D. The Neale Publishing Co., New York, publishers. Illustrated. \$3 net.

A graphic description of the hardships, the privations, the life-risks and the bodily suffering which inevitably come from a lengthy period passed in equatorial West Africa is written by Robert Nassau, pioneer, explorer and missionary in Africa.

For 45 years a resident of what at that time was unexplored country, in 1874 Dr. Nassau accepted the precarious post of missionary of the interior. Near the Ogowe river he builds a house and there he teaches the gospel for 16 years.

This narrative of daily incidents written as a diary, not only embodies the life of the natives, with their peculiar customs, but gives an intimate insight into the author's own life with its trials and sorrows. Pathetically he describes the death of his wife in the wilds of Africa, and the task which lies before him in the care of his tiny daughter, over whom from the day of her birth, he watches tenderly and lovingly, with only a father's love and intuition to guide him. Of these days he speaks:

"There was the babe to be clothed and fed. I began, with unskilled hands and mode, the solemn mother-task, which I retained, aided only by native hands, for more than six years. During the first two years aided by the excellent Handi; during more than two other years, by, successively, eight incompetent, half-civilized (and not all of them Christian), Ogowe young women; and during the final more than two years, by a superiorly educated Christian woman, A-nyentyu-wa, of the Mpongwe tribe, as nurse and governess. And, in pursuance of a pledge to my dying wife, and because I thought (and still think) it was best, but against the protests of relatives and other friends in the United States, and of members of the mission, I kept little Mary with me in Africa, until she was more than six years old, in good health."

Through the while of this voluminous work there is not a word which is uninteresting. The book is profusely illustrated, and from the standpoint of the religious worker, the historian, or the every-day reader, this volume will adequately fill the requirements. It comes as tangible proof of the missionaries' progress, even in the old days, in that uncivilized country, and at the same time is a loving memorial to a devoted wife.



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## A MISSIONARY EXPLORER.

Est. For almost half a century the Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, D.D., S.T.D., was resident, pioneer, missionary and explorer in Africa; now he is in this country and has added to his published books "My Ogowe" (Neale Publishing Company, New York) 884

In 1874 Dr. Nassau was connected with the mission station at the mouth of the Gaboon River, but all access to the tribes in the interior was barred; in that year he made the novel and hazardous journey up the Ogowe River, his object being to establish a missionary station in the interior. This book describes that journey, as well as many subsequent ones, the various experiences and adventures, portrays the life and character of the natives, and tells how Dr. Nassau finally secured the land and built his station at Belambla. There for about twenty years he was missionary, pioneer into the interior, discoverer and scientific investigator; he sent ethnological collections to this country; he translated the Bible into the Benga language, and this his latest book will be of real value not only to friends of missions, but to all who for any reason are interested in the geography, the wild life, the natives or the products of the west coast of equatorial Africa, all of which this famous explorer and missionary learned during his forty-five years residence in that country. The book is embellished with numerous illustrations.



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For forty-five years the author of this volume was a resident of Africa, pioneer, explorer and missionary. He collected large and valuable ethnological displays and was the first man to send the carcass of a gorilla to the United States. He is a member of various scientific bodies, and has written many interesting volumes on Africa, her flora and fauna and peoples; and probably no living white man has as complete a knowledge of the Dark Continent and conditions there.

The present work is a large volume covering the details of his long experience in Africa and contains that touch of intimacy which denotes that careful compilation from journal and diary. The author has an easy style which makes his descriptions, exposition of conditions and analysis of the humans, brutes and flora take on an attractiveness that relieves the some





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## Some Recent Publications Received by The Post.

"My Ogowe," by Robert Hamill Nassau, M. D., S. T. D. published by the Neale company.

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## "My Ogowe"

THIS is the personal narrative of a man who was for forty-five years a missionary in Africa. His experiences during this time were remarkable enough to furnish forth a dozen books. His personality is clearly strong and in some ways extremely interesting. He has written voluminously and on some points, at least, he has written frankly. Yet the result is not literature, nor even the sort of personal narrative which makes us forget the demands of literature. It has been said that in English speaking lands every well-to-do woman walks within the walls of an invisible harem and, by the same token, Mr. Nassau, despite his wide wandering and varied experience, never got outside the boundaries of a country parsonage. His mind is essentially parochial; and though he journeyed seven times round the world, he would have little save pious neighborhood gossip to report at the need.

He writes of the death of his second wife with a deep feeling which for a time makes him seem human, and his devotion to the small daughter whose coming to the African mission cost her mother's life is touching and worthy of all praise. His account of his search for this same second wife is amusing, chiefly without the writer's knowledge or intent. His quarrel with his sister is not raised above the rank of a disagreeable family jangle by the pious protestations of the parties to the squabble; and when he records that he spent a day in African jungles reading about the "Awful disclosures of Maria Monk" he fits himself which a mental yardstick from which there is no escape. As a man readeth in his solitude, so is he.

Some day, some keen-eyed novelist will touch this dry chronicle with the wand of human insight, and living waters of romance will spring forth to gladden thirsty lips. If this occurs during Mr. Nassau's lifetime, he doubtless will accuse the romancer of plagiarism; perhaps the charge will be true, but until it serves as material for some such book as has been suggested, one does not quite know what good the world ever will get from this formidable volume.

"My Ogowe," by Robert Hamill Nassau; Neale & Co. Price, \$3 net.



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### Life in Africa.

MY OGOWE. By Robert Hamill Nassau, M. D.,  
S. T. D. New York: The Neale Publishing com-  
pany. \$3 net.

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This is a story of African life and of the habits of the people, their customs, and the beauties and wealth of the dark continent. It is written by a medical missionary pioneer explorer, who has his heart in his work, and one who has labored unceasingly for the betterment of its people and also for the enlightening of the world about Africa. His contributions to both science and literature are many and valuable and he has sent large ethnological collections to several American universities. For forty-five years a resident of Africa, he has probably learned to know it and its people as well as any man who has made the wonderful continent a study; and he has told the world about it in many excellent works. "My Ogowe" is regarded as his best and most important. It is convincing and entertaining. It is one of those books that may be classed as worth while.

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## SPENDS THIRTY YEARS IN MISSIONARY WORK

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STORY TOLD BY ROBERT HAMILL  
NASSAU IN "MY OGOWE."

Thrilling Human Record of Trial and  
Achievement in Darkest Africa.  
Full of Adventure and Interest.

"My Ogowe," by Robert Hamill Nassau,  
M. D., S. T. D. Illustrated from pho-  
tographs. The Neale Publishing Com-  
pany, New York.

Of a practically uninterrupted service of forty-five years as a Presbyterian missionary to Africa, Dr. Nassau spent more than thirty years establishing missions on the Ogowe River and its tributaries, in a region never before penetrated by white men, with the exception of one or two explorers. It was fitting that the boat purchased for him in which to make the first stages of the voyage to the interior should be the Pioneer, that same little steamer on which Livingstone made his Zambesi discoveries and in the cabin of which Mrs. Livingstone died. But because of the nature of the Ogowe, its many channels and sandbars, after the delta of the river had been traversed, only native canoes were available. This necessitated the employment of many natives to paddle the boats containing the missionary and freight on his constant voyages. For these were the days when the currency of Africa was barter. The white man who shut himself off from civilization for months was compelled to take with him many bales of cotton goods, boxes of hardware and a generous supply of beads and trinkets, in addition to food supplies, in order to conciliate by gift and to insure subsistence by having inexhaustible exchange for native products.

Up to the time (1874) that Dr. Nassau made his first successful effort to reach the interior tribes on the Ogowe, no missionaries had been able to settle except along the coast. A rigid policy of exclusion had been effected by the bordering natives to keep those in the interior from profiting by trade with the white man. Dr. Nassau really took his life in his hands when he dared break through the barrier. His was a militant spirit and he also possessed much of the passion of the explorer and the scientist. In spite of the dangers that encompassed him and the perils of travel, he succeeded in establishing a permanent chain of missions and he contributed much to the geographical and archeological knowledge of the world. He added largely to the collections of the Universities of Pennsylvania and Princeton, among his gifts being the first gorilla carcass and brains ever examined by anatomists. He wrote extensively, both for church and scientific publications, and has published several volumes relating to Africa. He also completed the important and arduous task of translating the Bible and the Benga language of West Equatorial Africa.

"My Ogowe" is a thrilling human record of trial and achievement. It is crammed with adventure and nature interest. One who reads it will feel that he is being conducted on a real journey into the Dark Continent. That sense of reality is heightened by Dr. Nassau's inclusion of much intimate and homely detail, that some writers would be tempted to slight as trivial. But in this record it falls into place and serves to make the picture complete. Perhaps as wonderful as any of his experiences, not excepting perils of cannibal, wild beast and fever, is his rearing of his little daughter, the first white child born in the African interior. Mrs. Nassau died at its birth, alone with her husband, among the natives, and he obeyed her dying request not to work with the child, as African missionaries of that time felt they must do because of the unhealthfulness and dangers of the country. Until he was called home on furlough, when little Mary was 7 years old, he mothered the child in addition to his many other works and cares, and felt that he had advanced African mission work when he exhibited at the following conference a hardy child of the tropics, to prove that it was possible to maintain the home intact even under unfavorable conditions. The narrative is abundantly illustrated from photographs of mission stations, native scenes and







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Missionary Tells of Life in Equatorial West Africa

Dr. Nassau Publishes Record of His Experiences Among Peculiar People Along the Banks of the Ogowe River—"Henry of Navarre, Ohio" Good Summer Reading—"News, Ads and Sales" Useful Book.

"My Ogowe." ("My Ogowe," by Robert H. Nassau, M. D., S. T. J., The Neale Publishing Co., New York.)

the author's daily experiences for 16 years as a missionary in equatorial West Africa and gives an intimate picture of the wild tribes, with whom he came into the closest contact. The "Ogowe" is a river which he was the first missionary to ascend from the coast and on the banks of which he built the first mission. The narrative would have been all the better for judicious editing, for the multiplicity of trivial incidents recorded by Dr. Nassau grow decidedly monotonous; nevertheless this can be forgiven for the immense amount of information he conveys concerning the lives, habits and mental and spiritual characteristics of the peculiar people with whom he lived so many years. Another thing that mars the book is the author's transparent prejudice against missionaries that do not belong to his church, the Presbyterian. However, the life the doctor lived in the wilds was a tremendous strain on him and if he is not at all times just and if he is a little vainglorious of his achievements it may be that this is due to a mental state for which he is not to blame.

Of his first encounter with Kasa, a native chief, he writes: "The next day, October 15, was a rainy day, but I was busy having clothing dried in the hut, and boxes inspected lest their contents had been wet in the canoe. Kasa came to see me, and I specifically acknowledged his jurisdiction, and put myself and people under his care. I told him I would look to him to assist me in selecting a site, as I intended to build in his vicinity, if I found conditions satisfactory. He made me a present of a couple of baskets of plantains and a half bushel of ground-nuts. I was pleased with him. Through me, I thought him more available. I at once took with him the position of telling him what I wanted, and of objecting to what I disliked, as I would to a friend. He was very intelligent, and with some civilized ideas that agreeably surprised me. Our friendship continued during his life. But, his heathenism was deep, and his superstitions, as I became better acquainted with him, were amazingly strong.

"He took me from Agala's village, and established me and my belongings in a large room of his own bamboo house, my room-door opening into the public reception room, where were people coming and going or lounging all day long. In the evening, as we all sat conversing in that room, there occurred one of the usual demonstrations of hospitality given to all visitors of distinction, and especially to white men. A man approached me smiling, and leading a woman, who looked at me with a grateful expectancy. I inquired what was the matter? He asked me for a glass of rum (1) and said, 'I have brought this woman to be your wife.' This experience was not a new one. But, it never was repeated in the same region. On the first occasion, years before, I had answered indignantly. But, without lowering any of my own standards or ideals, I had learned to look at all questions of ethics, and even of morals, from the native's point of view. Advancing on that line, I had not receptively. Standing thus on common ground, as a friend, I found that I had more influence in explaining my standard, than if I had attacked him, as an enemy. As to the women, I had learned that their approach, as on the occasion, was not as the brazen wantons of civilization. There was no immodesty in their dress, and, in fact, they were for me

neck etc. Adjusting them around his neck and shoulders, he said that he was invulnerable to any spear or gun or other weapon of man or beast. He stood to stand as a mark for my thinking that he was accepting the challenge. He stood erect, and threw a cartridge from the magazine into the barrel. The click was distinctly heard. I cocked the trigger. Its click too was heard; but he did not flinch. His people were frightened, but he was not. He was perfectly sure of his invulnerability! I decided, feeling I had been worsted, that, two years later when he died, I would go by the tusks of a wounded elephant, which reminded his people of the useless fetishes. Slavery was freely practiced by the tribes along the Ogowe. Dr. Nassau says: "On Sunday, November 29, I saw a painful incident in slavery. The day had been a beautiful one. I had recovered my usual health, after the bit of intermittent fever. I had finished all packing and plans for my overland journey, ready for Monday. I had enjoyed a quiet reading, on Mr. Sinclair's 'Yoranda,' looking off across the wide Ogowe, studded there with islands, and beyond to the blue hills of its affluent, the Ngunye. He looked up from his pipe, and saw a collection of canoes on a beach several hundred yards distant. Thinking they might be some of his sub-traders, he rose to go and inspect them. I followed. The canoes were of Orungu slave traders. Their slaves looked thin and sad. I protested that they should be fed. Their masters said they were going, they had refused to eat. (I do not believe that; though I thought that they were being exported as food for the occupants of white man's land. Considering the cannibalism of the interior, that was possible.) Among them was a comely looking woman, who, attracted by his kind looks, pleaded with Mr. Sinclair to buy her and save her from a possibly cruel native master. One of Mr. Sinclair's Nkami-tribe traders was standing by with his own little slave boy, which he had been stolen from very young, and had left his mother, whom that woman so resembled that he believed she was his mother! (This incident I developed, in my novelette 'Mawedo,' published by the American Tract Society, 1930.) That Nkami man told me that another of his slaves had seen many tribes distant beyond the interior Bakote, a white man, traveling and paying his way with cloth, and not with rum. Who was it? Was it Livingston? or some one from the East? Or, Dr. Nachtigal from the North East?"

How Dr. Nassau saved the lives of nine wives of his friend Kasa is related as follows: "At mournings, not much is expected to be said. Grief expressed itself either in dead silence, or yells of wailing. After sitting silent, I said, adapting native custom, that I had come to see my friend Kasa, that I did not see him, and wished to know where he was. Then, the wails ceased, while a man told me how Kasa had gone hunting elephants; had wounded one; it turned and charged at him, he fired again, but the gun only flashed in the pan; and the elephant had gored him with its tusks, one through his thigh, and one through his arm-pit; and then had struck him aside. His slaves had brought his body to town, and he had died on the next day. But, before he died, he had accused twelve of his wives and other slaves of having bewitched his gun! "These accusations were evidently based on memory of some disobedience or other offenses. The twelve had been immediately seized and, at his death, three of them had already been put to death. Observing that his wives, with whom I had been friendly, were not present, I asked for them. There was some delay which I did not understand. When they came, I recognized them

highly held in all eastern countries) and, for herself, the distinction of alliance with a great white man. The sin, in these cases, was (1), on the part of the white man, who, in accepting, lowered his own standards; (2), and, on the part of the native man, who expected to obtain pay for the woman's dishonor. I could hold my Christian position, without being discourteous to the woman. I told Kasa, in a few words; and he publicly warned that missionaries were not to be thus approached. "He then paraded before me his own twenty-six women, and placed me under the special care of his chief one, or 'queen,' Nwanaja, who was to see that provisions were to be regularly supplied to me (of course, I would buy them). She was a ladylike woman, of unusual strength and amiability of character. Our friendship continued for years. "I was awakened, on the 16th, by the ringing of a witch-doctor's bell. There was a parade of a grotesquely clad company of men and women searching for the witch or wizard who had been causing some troubles in the village. "Kasa wanted to see all my curiosities. Among other treasures, I put on my dressing-gown (as a kingly robe) and played on my flute and ocardeon, and explained the workings of my sixteen-repeater Winchester rifle. That was a wonder! That a gun could talk ten times without stopping to reload, fascinated the crowd. But, Kasa, spurred in pride for his own possessions, told me he had that which could make my rifle harmless. He stepped into an inner room, and emerged with a heavy string of fetish-charms contained in a gazelle-horn, shells, genet

For, as part of the proof of mourning, not only are all ornaments removed, but, in the case of every vestige of clothing they had been sitting naked in a hut by themselves. When they were told that they must come to see Kasa's friend, who had asked for them, they yielded. They slipped into the room, and nudged down in a corner, one of them with a plate in her hands as the only protection to her body. Among themselves, this nakedness was endured as the custom of their country. But I had always treated them with such courtesy and respect, that they recognized my code of shame. I told them that I had not known their condition when I sent for them. Then I turned to the company, and made a vigorous demand that I did not believe that my dead friend wanted any more people killed, and that, if they valued my friendship, I insisted that the other nine women should be released, and no more murder made. I do not know how mixed may have been their motives, but, they seemed pleased. And, the lives of those nine were saved. "On Dr. Nassau's refusal to pay tribute to a native chief the following incident occurred: "But, I laughed at his word 'tribute,' saying that I paid tribute only to France which governed both him and me. That made him angry, and he raged, saying that I should at once give him \$150, or he would seize my boxes. I told him that he might seize them, if he chose to have me brand him all over the country as a thief; and suggested that, as to his demand for a gift, I was willing to talk about it, if he made it more reasonably; and



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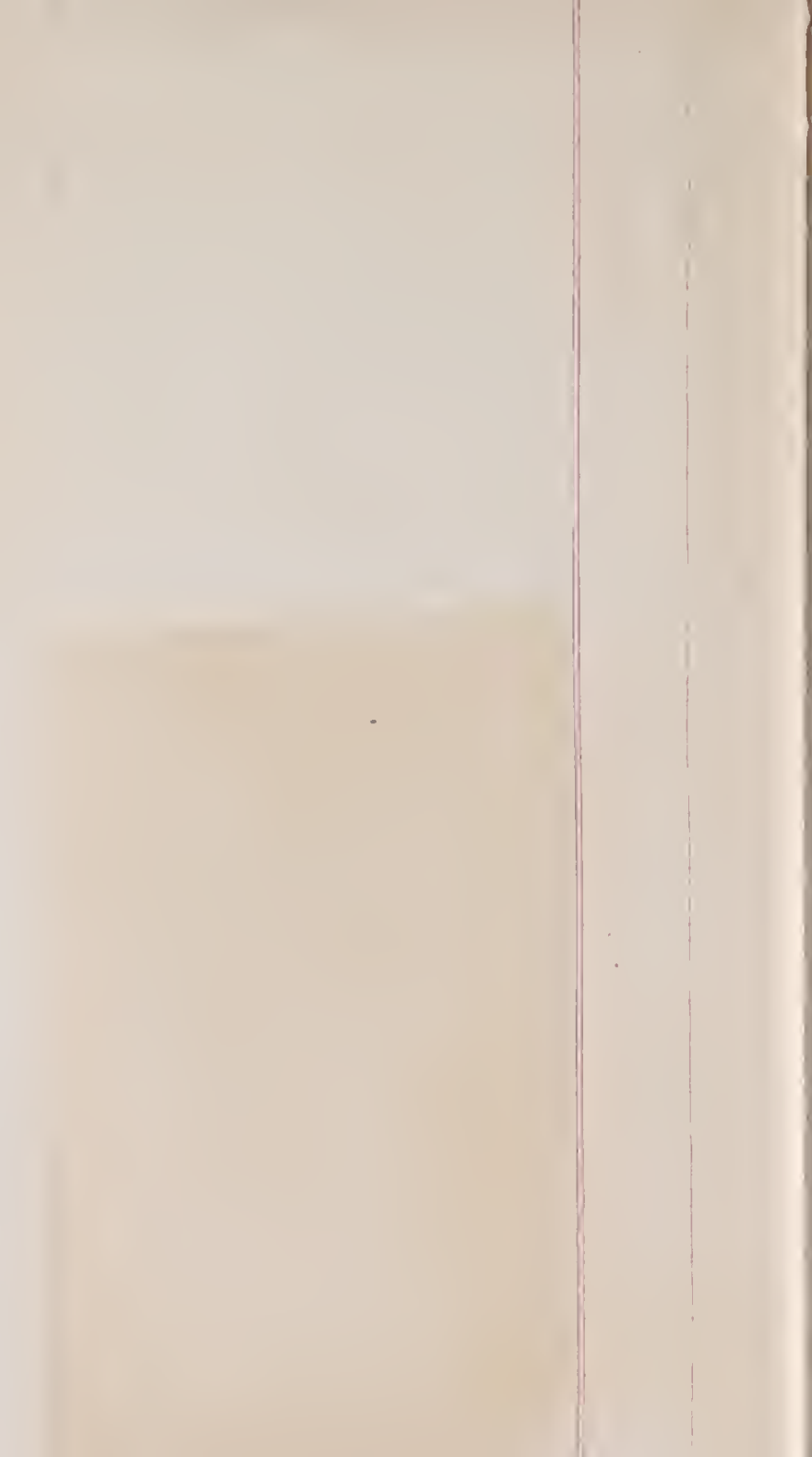
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